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'Diplomaticheskii Slovar' (Diplomatic Dictionary), Vol I, A. Ya. Vishnevskiy and B. A. Losovskiy, State Publishing House of Political Literature, Moscow, 1948, received here, is available in FDB, CIA.

The first volume of a new Diplomatic Dictionary containing articles on the history of international relations, in alphabetical order from "A" to "K," has just been published. This work provides information on fundamental questions and problems of international relations up to 1 May 1947.

The Diplomatic Dictionary presents a consistent Marxist-Leninist viewpoint on the principle problems and facts relating to the history of international relations, restores historical truths, and exposes the innumerable falsifications of the history of international relations which have been perpetrated by bourgeois historians. It presents the basic principles of socialist foreign policy: peace and security of people, freedom and independence (national sovereignty), and establishment and retention of peaceful and friendly economic and political relations with other nations and states. Articles on the foreign policy and diplomacy of capitalist countries reveal the predatory and rapacious nature of imperialist foreign policy and diplomacy. The contrasting principles of socialist and imperialist foreign policy and diplomacy are evident in all of these articles.

This work is superior in content, more complete in coverage, and more recent than any other encyclopedia on international relations and diplomacy. It is based on material which is seldom used by bourgeois historians because they always write apologies for imperialist foreign policy and diplomacy and intentionally conceal facts to justify the cause of the capitalist nations. Consequently, the dictionary is an extremely valuable propaganda weapon in the ideological struggle and should be translated into foreign languages as soon as possible.

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Articles under the headings of "International Law" and "Diplomatic Practices" are important with respect to theory. The outstanding articles under these headings are: "The Diplomat," "The Diplomatic Corps," "Diplomatic Representations," "Diplomatic Cases," (violations of diplomatic privileges), "Diplomatic Relations of the USSR." The most outstanding article of the entire dictionary is entitled "Diplomacy," and contains a brilliant new definition of diplomacy, "peaceful (as opposed to military), business-like operative work carried out abroad by government agencies (the foreign service and not infrequently by the head of a government or state) and their representatives and agents for the purpose of realizing the problems of foreign policy of a state." The relationship between diplomacy and foreign policy is also explained.

One criticism is in order. Stalin's profound analysis of bourgeois diplomacy, namely the graphic discrepancy between word and action in bourgeois diplomacy, is not brought out clearly.

Of paramount importance are 46 articles dealing with the foreign policy and diplomacy of the USSR. They illustrate diplomatic actions taken against imperialist intervention, imperialist provocations, and preparations for World War II, and in support of the attempt for peace, collective security, and the independence (sovereignty) of nations. In connection with the preparations for World War II there are also articles concerning international relations and diplomacy of imperialist nations. Articles on World War II, the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, and the Crimean Conference reveal the outstanding role played by the Soviet Union in crushing Nazi Germany.

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